



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Christian Kratzsch et al.
Serial No.: 09/831,468
Filing Date: 05/09/2001
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MACHINING
WORKPIECES USING HIGH-ENERGY
RADIATION
Group Art Unit: 1725
Examiner: Lynne Renee Edmondson
Attorney's Docket No.: STUR-37

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed September 23, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from December 23, 2002 to February 23, 2003.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as February 23, 2003 fell on a Sunday, the response is actually due on Monday, February 24, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0221 in the amount of \$205.00 to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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